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## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

PATTY JUDGE  
LT. GOVERNOR

April 29, 2010

The Honorable Michael Mauro  
Secretary of State  
State Capitol Building  
LOCAL

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I hereby transmit:

**House File 2229**, an Act prohibiting the imposition by a dental plan of fee schedules for the provision of dental services that are not covered by the plan.

The above House File is hereby approved this date.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chester Culver".

Chester J. Culver  
Governor

CJC:bdj

cc: Secretary of the Senate  
Chief Clerk of the House





House File 2229

AN ACT

PROHIBITING THE IMPOSITION BY A DENTAL PLAN OF FEE SCHEDULES FOR THE PROVISION OF DENTAL SERVICES THAT ARE NOT COVERED BY THE PLAN.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. NEW SECTION. 514C.3B Dental coverage — fee schedules.

1. A contract between a dental plan and a dentist for the provision of services to covered individuals under the plan shall not require that a dentist provide services to those covered individuals at a fee set by the dental plan unless such services are covered services under the dental plan.

2. A person or entity providing third-party administrator services shall not make available any dentists in its dentist network to a dental plan that sets fees for dental services that are not covered services.

3. For the purposes of this section:

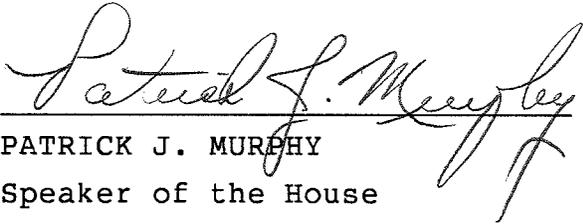
*a.* "Covered services" means services reimbursed under the dental plan.

*b.* "Dental plan" means any policy or contract of insurance which provides for coverage of dental services not in connection with a medical plan that provides for the coverage of medical services.

4. Nothing in this section shall be construed as limiting the ability of an insurer or a third-party administrator

to restrict any of the following as they relate to covered services:

- a. Balance billing.
- b. Waiting periods.
- c. Frequency limitations.
- d. Deductibles.
- e. Maximum annual benefits.

  
PATRICK J. MURPHY  
Speaker of the House

  
JOHN P. KIBBIE  
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 2229, Eighty-third General Assembly.

  
MARK BRANDSGARD  
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2010

  
CHESTER J. CULVER  
Governor